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They are also confronted with the problem of increased costs like everyone is together with a reduction in revenues. We could be in a very difficult position by the time we have the opportunity again to do something about it. Now, LB 87 in its present form and I am in favor of it as it now is, with or without amendments. We'll further take away from the Highway Department a substantial sum of money that may or may not be important to you. But if there is anybody here that believes we ought to discuss an amendment to this bill which I have written and ready for introduction within, when we get through with the other bills, I will be glad to do it. I don't want to waste your time or my energy attempting to sell you on a situation which I think is real, which is joined in by every member of the advisory Highway Commission. I think that the Public Works Committee had a hearing in which this matter was discussed. In their wisdom, their judgment, they did not advance the bill out with the recommendation that amendment one way or the other. Now this is a highly important situation. I, personally, think that we ought to consider it. He may not feel likewise so I ask, is there anyone who thinks we ought to consider an amendment to this bill in the area in which I discussed when we get through with 114 and in the meantime hold 87 in its present position.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Carpenter, we would have to advance it on and bring it back anyway but your discussion is pertinent. Senator Burbach, do you want to be heard on this issue? We are discussing the possibility of some future amendment here to LB 87.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hesitate to bring up the subject but if it'd be the wish of this body, I do have the amendment which Senator Carpenter was talking about and that amendment would make it mandatory for ten million dollars of..the issuance of that many, ten million dollars worth of bonds and optional for another five million which stays within the guidelines of our former legislation of not to exceed fifteen million dollars annually. Now, I have this amendment here. I would offer it. Will this in any way jeopardize this? This would still leave this bill in the same position as 526, 29, 30 and 114. Would it or would it not?

PRESIDENT: The bill has to be advanced and then it will have to be brought back. It has to be advanced.

SENATOR BURBACH: I understand this but..

SENATOR CARPENTER: Can he have the amendment printed, copied rather, and distributed to every member of the Legislature so between now and the time we might attempt to bring it back from E & R to Select File for this specific amendment, they would have some better understanding and knowledge of its contents.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Carpenter, you are saying immediately after 114 then.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's right.

SENATOR BURBACH: Ya. I'll make these up..offer these up. Reproduce these amendments and lay them on their desks.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I would like to ask Senator Carpenter a question.